

PEOPLE - Livermore

Notes on Mary A. Livermore Autobiography

Teaparty tree in Pine Woods p.370. Unable to locate the woods referred to so many might qualify.

In 1847 there were eight ships on the stocks and 43 shipmasters resident in the town.

Of the 20 subscribers to the compact signed in the Mayflower seven became inhabitants of Duxbury

Mrs. Livermore says "For I felt the brainy quality of the people before I had been a resident of Duxbury a month!"

Mrs. L. spent three and a half years there. Her name at that time was Rice and she met her husband there. He was an Universalist minister.

Mrs. L. was very much interested in temperance work which started in the country about 1840. It was called the Cold Water Army and a magazine of the name was published for which Miss Rice wrote and helped edit the Magazine. There were frequent meetings of these temperance societies and the young people to a great extent belonged as it was the thing to do from a social standpoint.

Gershom Westo was very much interested in this temperance movement and held frequent meetings where he preached total abstinence.

Daniel Webster made frequent visits to Duxbury for the transaction of business with the Duxbury Bank. Mr. C. H. Thomas was a great friend of Webster's. Thomas's son died in Washington while serving as Secretary to Webster and his death affected Webster deeply.

John Wilde of Braintree was one of the famous singing teachers of the day (He may have been related to Dr. Wilde of Duxbury)

Mrs. L. tells of the non observance of Xmas when she was young. The Day was not observed by the various denominations because their dislike of catholicism. The feeling against Xmas was dying out at the time she was a resident of Duxbury. (1845-1850)